

Out of the pain must come
healing

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This is the story of
Hadiza Bawa-Garba a
doctor who was
convicted of 'gross
negligence
manslaughter' of Jack
Adcock a 6 year old
boy in her care





18 February 2011



Children are not just small adults

Adult

Child

BP
120/80

BP
80/50

Average
pulse 72

Average
pulse 90





Initial conditions

Return from 14 months maternity leave

No formal induction

Unaware of any changes to policies

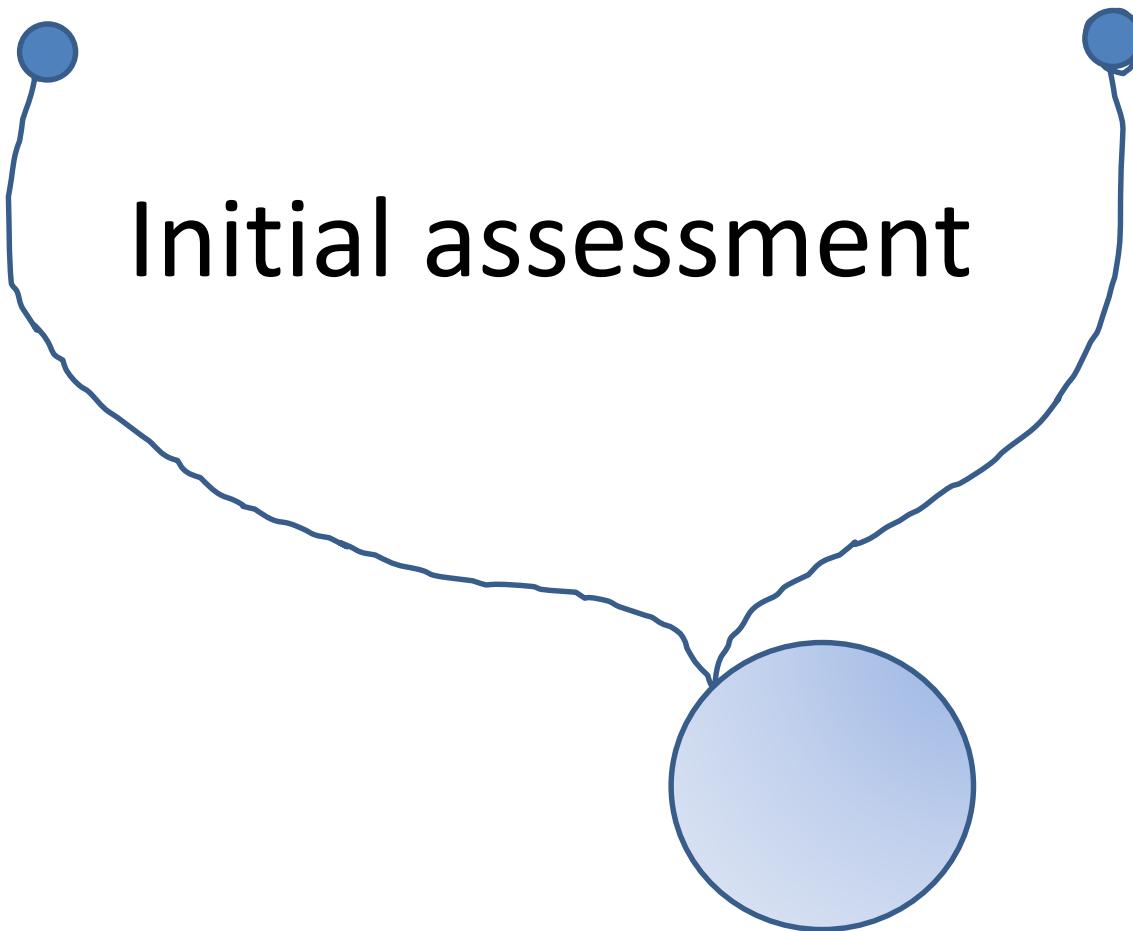
Not enough doctors on the rota

Interrupted handover

Alone in charge

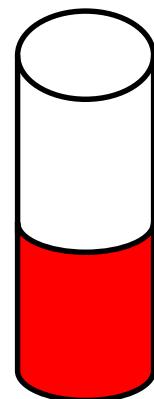


Initial assessment



pH 7

lactate 11





False reassurance

The deceptive world of paediatrics



Standing



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Ongoing conditions throughout the day

She was bleeped incessantly which leads to constant distractions

She was running around the hospital – up and down flights of stairs to various wards, dashing to the nearest phone to answer the bleep

The doctors in her team were new to paediatrics so she was left to do tasks they would normally do such as a highly technical procedure (lumbar puncture) on another patient with suspected meningitis

IT systems failure

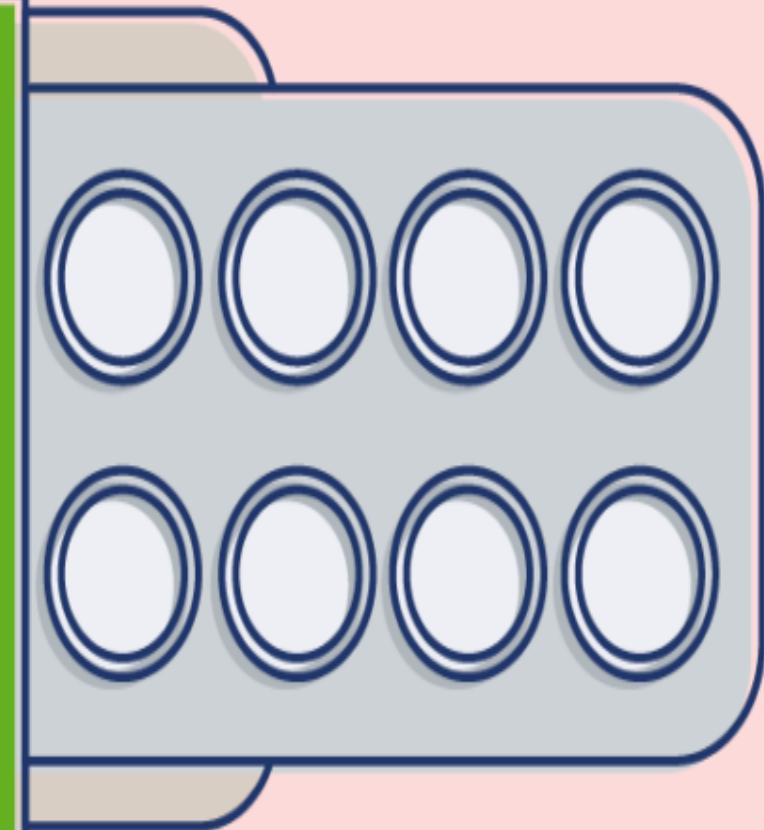
Nursing



6 pm

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10MG





Mistaken identity

Jack died at 9.20 pm

11 hours after admission with a final
diagnosis of Group A Streptococcus
Sepsis





Manslaughter by gross negligence

“truly exceptionally bad”





The appeal



Public trust



Consequences for Isabel



Williams Review

- An agreed and clear position on the law on gross negligence manslaughter
- Improving the use of experts in gross negligence cases
- Improving quality of local investigations
- Clarity on the use of doctors reflections
- Improvements to and consistency of professional regulation and reduction in powers for the GMC
- Equality and diversity standards for professional regulators
- Support for patients and their families during fitness to practise hearings



The numbers 2013 to 2018

- 151 Referred for gross negligence manslaughter
- 43 no further action
- 3 prosecuted and acquitted
- 16 ongoing as at March 2018
- = 4** prosecuted and convicted



“It could be me”

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